

STATE OF ILLINOIS
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

Northern Illinois Gas Company)	
d/b/a Nicor Gas Company)	
)	Docket No. 20-XXXX
Petition for approval of an Alternative)	
Rate Regulation program pursuant to)	
Section 9-244 of the Public Utilities Act)	

Direct Testimony of

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1 **I. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

2 **A. WITNESS IDENTIFICATION**

3 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

4 A. Anne M. Hizon, 1844 Ferry Road, Naperville, Illinois, 60563.

5 **Q. By whom and in what position are you employed?**

6 A. I am Manager, Rates for Northern Illinois Gas Company d/b/a Nicor Gas Company
7 ("Nicor Gas" or the "Company").

8 **Q. Please describe your present job responsibilities as the Manager, Rates.**

9 A. My present job responsibilities are primarily focused on preparing, coordinating,
10 reviewing, and conducting analytical activities related to rate and tariff administration,
11 the filing of documents with the Illinois Commerce Commission (the "Commission" or
12 "ICC"), and the reviewing of Company activities as they pertain to compliance with the
13 Company's tariff rates and Title 83 of the Illinois Administrative Code (the "Code"). In
14 addition, I have responsibility over various research and rate design requirements within
15 the Rate department.

16 **B. BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE**

17 **Q. Please summarize your educational background and work experience.**

18 A. In 1998, I received a Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in Accounting, from
19 Marquette University. In 1999, I passed the Certified Public Accountant examination in
20 the State of Illinois. In 2003, I received a Masters of Business Administration (M.B.A.),
21 with a concentration in Finance, from DePaul University. I have been employed by
22 Nicor Gas since 1998. During this time, I have held various positions within the

Accounting Departments, including Gas Supply Accounting, General Accounting, and the last fifteen years as the Manager of Property Accounting. As of July 2019, I assumed the responsibility of Manager, Rates in the Rates and Regulatory department.

C. EXHIBITS

Q. Are there any exhibits to your testimony?

A. Yes. I am sponsoring, and have attached hereto, three exhibits:

- Nicor Gas Exhibit 2.1 reflects the Company's proposed new tariff sheet for Rate 81, the rate to implement the proposed RGI Pilot program that is the subject of this proceeding.
- Nicor Gas Exhibit 2.2 reflects the Company's proposed revised tariff sheets that modify Nicor Gas' terms and conditions and other tariff sheets to account for the addition of Rate 81.
- Nicor Gas Exhibit 2.3 shows in "legislative" style the differences between the revised tariff sheets provided as Nicor Gas Exhibit 2.2 and the Nicor Gas tariff sheets currently on file with the Commission.

II. PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY

Q. What is the purpose of your direct testimony?

A. I present the proposed tariff sheets to effectuate Nicor Gas' proposed Renewable Gas Interconnection Pilot (or "RGI Pilot"), as discussed in greater detail in the direct testimony of Nicor Gas witness Robin Lanier. (Nicor Gas Ex. 1.0). I also present revisions to a number of Nicor Gas' existing tariff sheets to reflect the addition of the RGI Pilot Program.

Q. Will you please summarize the conclusions of your direct testimony?

A. Nicor Gas' proposed tariff sheets set forth a new tariffed service, Rate 81 – General Renewable Gas Interconnection Service Pilot, for Nicor Gas' proposed RGI Pilot

Program. This tariff allows renewable natural gas producers to interconnect to the Nicor Gas system under an alternative regulation program, as described by Nicor Gas witness Lanier. Accordingly, the Commission should adopt the proposed tariff sheets attached to this testimony.

III. PROPOSED RGI PILOT PROGRAM TARIFF SHEETS

A. Nicor Gas proposes tariffs sheets for a new rate applicable to the RGI Pilot program, Rate 81 – General Renewable Gas Interconnection Service Pilot. Nicor Gas’ proposed tariff sheets for Rate 81 are attached hereto as Nicor Gas Exhibit 2.1. Nicor Gas also proposes conforming changes to existing tariff sheets to recognize the addition of this new rate. Nicor Gas’ proposed revised tariff sheets to make these changes are attached hereto as Nicor Gas Exhibit 2.2. A legislative style redline identifying in redline the differences from Nicor Gas’ existing tariff sheets is attached as Nicor Gas Exhibit 2.3.

Q. Will you please describe the proposed Rider 81 tariff?

A. The proposed tariff provides an overview of the availability of the new General Renewable Gas Service. Meanwhile, the definitions, charges under the rate, billing, and terms and conditions will be contained in the contract for service between Nicor Gas and an eligible renewable gas producer. The tariff also provides that the service is subject to the general Terms and Conditions and Riders included in the schedule of which Rate 81 is a part.

Q. What customers will be subject to the new tariff?

A. Pursuant to the RGI Pilot Program, the proposed tariff will be applicable on a voluntary first-come, first-served basis to eligible producers of renewable gas.

70 **Q. What other tariff changes is Nicor Gas proposing?**

71 A. As set forth in Nicor Gas Exhibit 2.2 and in redline in Nicor Gas Exhibit 2.3, Nicor Gas
72 is proposing changes to the following tariff sheets to account for the addition of the RGI
73 Pilot Program:

74	Sheet No. 1	Table of Contents
75	Sheet No. 18	Rate 74 - General Transportation Service
76	Sheet No. 21.3	Rate 75 - Seasonal Use Transportation Service
77	Sheet No. 22	Rate 76 - Large General Transportation Service
78	Sheet No. 25	Rate 77 - Large Volume Transportation Service
79	Sheet No. 72	Rider 13 - Supplier Transportation Service
80	Sheet No. 75.3	Rider 16 - Supplier Aggregation Service
81	Sheet No. 76	Rider 25 - Firm Transportation Service

82 **Q. When will these changes become effective?**

83 A. The Company proposes an effective date for the tariffs to be subsequent to the
84 Commission's approval of the RGI Pilot Program.

85 **IV. CONCLUSION**

86 **Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?**

87 A. Yes.